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water at 20°C, the number of undissolved fibers having a length of 8 to 200 μm is not greater than 1,000.

REMARKS

Prior to this paper, claims 1-19 were pending in the application. By this paper, claims 1, 18 and 19 are amended. No claims have been cancelled or added. Therefore, claims 1-19 remain pending in the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Shewareged for indicating that claims 17-19 are allowable in view of the prior art.

Interviews of February, 2003

Examiner Shewareged is thanked for extending to Applicants' representatives a series of phone interviews in February, 2003, where it was agreed that the above proffered version of claim 1 would be allowable in view of the prior art.

Claim Rejections

In the last office action (paper number 6), claim 1 and dependent claims 2-16 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) and 35 USC §103. As noted above, claim 1 stands amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at page 3, lines 2-3 and 15-17. It is respectfully submitted that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or suggest each and every limitation of claim 1, as amended. Thus, claim 1 and dependent claims 2-16 are allowable. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claim set is requested.

Claim Amendments

Claims 18 and 19 are amended by this response to remedy an informality in the preamble of the claims. These claims referred to the "film" of claim 17. Since claim 17 is

directed to an "overhead transparency medium," the preamble of claims 18 and 19, which depend from claim 17, should reflect such. These amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of any feature recited therein. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims continue to remain in condition for allowance.

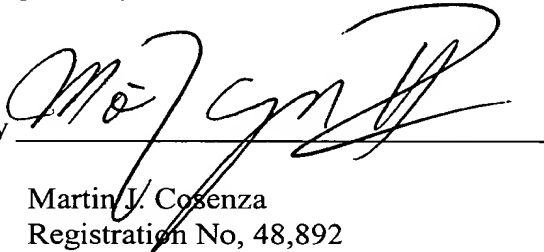
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A film sheet for use with overhead projectors **comprising** ~~consisting essentially of~~ a cellulose ether **without intervention of a layer receptive to a jet printing ink.**

18. (Amended) The ~~film-sheet~~ **overhead projector transparency medium** of claim 17, wherein the transparency medium consists of one layer, the one layer being the same layer as the transparency film sheet.

19. (Amended) The ~~film-sheet~~ **overhead projector transparency medium** of claim 17, wherein said cellulose ether is a cellulose ether that ~~that~~ when placed in 2 ml of an aqueous solution obtained by mixing 0.1 part by weight of the cellulose ether with 99.9 parts by weight of water at 20°C, the number of undissolved fibers having a length of 8 to 200 μm is not greater than 1,000.

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